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SUBJECT: HAMDI'S VISIT TO EGYPT DELAYED

1. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DATES OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, YAR COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IBRAHIM AL-HAMDI HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO VISIT EGYPT LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. VISIT HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED, PRESUMABLY UNTIL MARCH. SADAT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA COMBINED WITH SOMEWHAT UNSETTLED SECURITY SITUATION IN YAR WHICH FOLLOWED FOUR SMALL BOMBINGS IN SANA LAST WEEK PROBABLE REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT.

2. INVITATION TO HAMDI AND TO YAR PRIMIN ABD AL-GHANI MADE IN EARLY JANUARY. EGYPT ONLY MAJOR MIDEAST COUNTRY NOT YET VISITED BY THE YAR PRESIDENT, AND RECENT SAUDI/EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE TOWARDS PDYR EXPECTED TO BE MAJOR POINT OF DISCUSSION.
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